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PATENT
U.S. Ser. No. 10/593,918

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James M. Tour *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/593,918
Filed: August 6, 2007
Title: FUNCTIONALIZATION OF CARBON NANOTUBES IN ACIDIC MEDIA
Confirmation No: 5884
Art Unit: 1793
Examiner: Brittany M. Martinez

TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW AGENDA

(Monday, January 31, 2011 at 3:00 pm EST/2:00 pm CST)

• **Overview of the Invention**

- Goals
- Problems with the prior art
- Approach
 - Advantages

• **Distinctions between the Prior Art References and the Claimed Invention**

- The combination of the cited references does not teach or suggest methods of covalently attaching added functionalizing agents to CNTs while the CNTs are dispersed in a superacid solvent

- Defects in Cooper (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2007/0084797)
- Defects in Niu (U.S. Pat. No. 7,070,753)
- Defects in Dyke (2003 JACS article)
- Defects in Csuzdi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,600,036)
- Defects in Davis (2004 Macromolecules article)
- Defects in Yu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,399,202)
- Defects in Bahr (2001 Chem. Matter. article)

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- Khabashesku (U.S. Pat. No. 7,125,533) is not a Prior Art Reference under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)
- Questions and Answers

Respectfully submitted,
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